



PATENT
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Yukiko NAKANISHI et al. CONF.: 6638
APPLN. NO: 09/145,987 GROUP: 1623
FILED: September 3, 1998 EXAMINER: E. WHITE
FOR: CELLULOSE ACETATE AND DOPE CONTAINING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CER 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 14, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 14, 2003, the period for response having been extended two (2) months to April 14, 2004, the following amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in the file of the above-identified application.

This response contains: Amended Claim Set; Remarks; and Appendix.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the finality of the Office Action that was mailed on November 14, 2003. It is noted that, subsequent to a personal interview after the filing of an Amendment on August 28, 2003, Applicants' representative was in the process of working with the Examiner to develop allowable claims for this application. Issuance of the Office Action in question cut off this process without affording Applicants with the opportunity to amend their claims and thereby further advance the prosecution of the application.